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NEW FLAGS FOR ARMENIAN AND KIRGIZ SSR

Comment: The Armenian and Kirgiz flags are the fourth and fifth union republic flags to be changed within the past year. The Belorussian flag was changed on 25 December 1951 [REDACTED], the Uzbek flag on 29 August 1952 [REDACTED], and the Azerbaydzhan flag on 7 October 1952 [REDACTED]. The new flags are more distinctive than the old, which were identical to that of the USSR except for minor details.]

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NEW FLAG FOR ARMENIAN SSR -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 20 Dec 52

By a 17 December 1952 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Armenian SSR, changes in the state flag of the Armenian SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle and the Armenian letters "HSSR" in the upper corner near the staff.

The new Armenian flag is red with a blue center stripe running the entire length of the flag and making up one-fourth the width. In the upper left corner near the staff there are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 121 of the Armenian Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

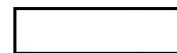
A sketch of the new Armenian flag is appended.

NEW FLAG FOR KIRGIZ SSR -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 25 Dec 52

By a 22 December 1952 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kirgiz SSR, changes in the state flag of the Kirgiz SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with the gold-lettered inscription "Kirgiz SSR" in Kirgiz and Russian in the upper corner near the staff.

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The new Kirgiz flag is red with a blue center stripe running the entire length of the flag and making up one-third the width of the flag. A narrow white stripe, making up one-twentieth the width of the flag, divides the blue stripe. In the upper left corner near the staff are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 116 of the Kirgiz Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Kirgiz flag is appended.

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